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### THE CIVIL SERVICE FARCE.

The line of talk like that handled recently by the senior editor of this paper, in a published interview relating to patronage matters, has called forth the following statement from President McIlhenny, of the Civil Service Commission, to the Commissioner of Internal Revenue:

"The examination given on August 16 in various parts of the country for the Internal Revenue, Customs, Subtreasury and Mint and Assay Service, Ordnance, Engineer, and Quartermaster's Department at large, and all other field establishments of the various departments, except postoffices, was examination of the scope, character, and degree of difficulty which has been given for all of these services for the past three and one-half years, the same kind of examination is also given for first grade clerical positions in the departments at Washington. After full personal consultation with all the departments and independent establishments, in January, 1910, the scope and character of this examination was increased somewhat in difficulty with a view to providing a better grade of eligibles than heretofore and also with a view to bringing about flexibility of the entire service, permitting transfers from one service to another without further examination. Since that date no proposition has come from any of the departments suggesting a change in the examination or complaining that it is not providing suitable eligibles. A new series of questions under this form of examination has been prepared from time to time as needed, and care has been taken to see that any series is the practical equivalent in difficulty of any other series of this examination. This applies to the series used on August 16.

Up to this time this examination has provided a sufficient number of eligibles for the various parts of the service, and in most parts of the country this result has been attained with an examination once a year; in only nine out of a total of sixty-three internal revenue districts has it been necessary to hold an extra examination between annual examinations.

At all times the Commission has been prepared to modify this examination, as in the case of any other, with the assent of the Department, whenever it should not produce eligibles, and particularly so if the Department should take the initiative in requesting modification. The scope and character of this examination, with sample questions, has been published during all of the time for the past three and one-half years, and officials in the Department have had full knowledge of it."

The position taken by Mr. McIlhenny is exactly what most all democrats with whom we have come in contact lately are making objections. We, too, fail to see the relation of a "moon shine still" to the funny tribe which inhabits the seas, or the guager's rod to the birds of peculiar characteristics that soar over South American countries. What does it matter to a raiding officer, or deputy collector whether Scratch Ankle is located in Goose Creek township, Ark., or whether the name of Panther Branch, Nev., has been changed to Huckleberry Creek? Those who attended the Civil Service examination in Asheville recently were applicants for positions in the Internal Revenue service and cared nothing about qualifying themselves for places in the Customs, Subtreasury, Mint and Assay Service, Ordnance, Engineer, or other departments in "the field of operations." Men who served acceptably as raiding officers and deputy collectors under President Cleveland were there, but many of them went away disappointed.

The best men available for field service are unable to answer the perplexing questions propounded by the Civil Service Commission. Candidly, we do not believe half the heads of departments in Washington could make seventy per cent.

We respectfully disagree with a few who have ventured the suggestion that "to say any of the democrats cannot stand it is equal to saying that they have not the ability republicans have." They should remember that democrats have had no incentive to prepare for these examinations for the past sixteen years and that republicans have been receiving protection by blanket orders placing them under Civil Service without an examination. Republicans have been studying the devious methods of the system and receiving most of the benefits derived therefrom.

When the democrats have had a similar opportunity conditions will be different. When the republicans get in control they manage somehow to put democrats out of the offices and land their fellows in their places. Now, democratic workers, and men fully capable of filling the positions for which they are asking, must submit to the humiliation of having their qualifications passed upon by a foreign board composed largely of members of the opposite party. There is no justice in it.

Mr. McIlhenny, himself, admits that the recent examinations are more difficult than previous ones. He says: "After full personal consultation with all the departments and independent establishments, in January, 1910, the scope and character of this examination was increased somewhat in difficulty with a view to providing a better grade of eligibles than heretofore and also with a view to bringing about flexibility of the entire service, permitting transfers from one service to another without further examination." About all the "faithful" had previously been placed and there was little need for complaint at that time. But a democratic congress had just been elected and the chances for democratic eligibles enhanced, so it was deemed expedient to increase "the scope and character of these examinations! Now, the "necessity" has been intensified in order to keep "men of ability" (?) ensconced in good fat places which, by every rule of reason, should be filled by democrats.

We notice that Mr. McIlhenny is generous (?) enough to say: "At all times the Commission has been prepared to modify this examination, as in the case of any other, with the assent of the Department, whenever it should not produce eligibles, and particularly so if the Department should take the initiative in requesting modification. The scope and character of this examination, with sample questions, has been published during all of the time for the past three and one-half years, and officials in the Departments have had full knowledge of it." In view of the fact that Mr. McIlhenny consents to modify the examination when a department shall take the initiative, we hope those in authority will ask him to submit questions to applicants for positions in the Internal Revenue service, in this state, relating to the character of work required at their hands. Men who are seeking employment as deputy collectors, and deputy marshals care nothing about "transfers, desiring only such places as they can handle acceptably.

It is easy enough for a fellow who happens to be holding down a good fat place to grow eloquent about the "merit system." For this paper, it believes, with Senator Vance, that the horse that pulls the plow should have the fodder. We would not discredit the merit system. The country needs capable men in office, but are thoroughly convinced that the examination given on August 16, was not a fair test for those desirous of entering the service under the Commissioner of Internal Revenue. If some remedy is not provided, Commissioner Osborne is going to lose some of the most deserving and best qualified men in North Carolina, on account of their inability to pass an examination of such broad significance. And, in the meantime, democratic prospects in close districts might be endangered. There must be some way out of the dilemma. If not, then congress should provide a way mighty quick.

### ABOUT OUR ROADS.

Quite frequently during this summer season we have heard the remarks from some of our South Carolina visitors that the main roads in Hendersonville as well as in neighboring counties in Western North Carolina were a great deal superior to many of those in their native state.

Our esteemed contemporary The Spartanburg Herald has the following to say about this section:

"It is back home from the mountains these days, but no one returns from the beautiful region of Western North Carolina this season who is not more and more certain of the wonderful possibilities of that section of the country. The fact that stands out most significantly in the development of that country, just at this time is the building of good roads. They have been building good roads in the mountains for several years now, but they are not the universal thing yet. Within the next twelve months that section of Western North Carolina nearest us, Polk county, is to build its first highways. There is no more beautiful country in the world than Western North Carolina, and the world will insist that it be opened that all may enjoy the climate and beauties of nature in those external mountains.

Our people have been brought to notice more forceable this season than ever before that the wealthiest of our summer tourists prefer to travel here in their machines. If our roads are in good condition they will prolong their stay, but let the overseers fail to do their duty and the whole county will suffer.

We have been informed that while the work recently promoted by Col. John T. Patrick on the Hendersonville-

### FICITON IN PLACE OF FACT.

The Saturday Evening Post, that widely circulated illustrated Weekly founded by Benjamin Franklin in 1870, and which endeavors to be right tho the Heavens fall, allowed itself to be the vehicle of a gross injustice done the city and people of Hendersonville and their chautauqua association in its issue of Aug. 30. The injustice referred to is contained in the initial article "High Cost of Living in Washington" by one Henry Beach Needham.

The false and unfounded statements to be found in bold type on page 4 in writing of Secretary Bryan's chautauqua lectures here recently, to wit: "On July thirteenth, the day being Sunday, Mr. Bryan was billeted to speak at Hendersonville, a small town near Asheville, North Carolina. The people drove from miles round to hear their secretary of state. Most of these country visitors were amazed, then made angry, when they found that an admission fee was charged—and to the slender purses a large fee. Those who came late also found that speculators had bought many of the tickets and were selling them at double the fixed price. The unexpected drawbacks to a memorable occasion brought forth a protest which was so penetrating in its intensity that it reached the ears of the Secretary of State and he felt obliged to explain."

Such a conglomeration of falsehoods has never, we dare say, appeared in a single issue of the Saturday Evening Post before and surely never in a single paragraph. First, it is false that the people were amazed or angry when they discovered that an admission fee to the chautauqua auditorium was charged. Every man, woman and child who heard Mr. Bryan on that memorable day, knew before hand that his lectures were chautauqua attractions, paid for by the Chautauqua Association and would be charged for as were all other attractions at the auditorium during the chautauqua season. The fact that there would be a special fee charged on the day referred to was emphasized by notices printed in the newspapers of the city of Hendersonville and otherwise made public and the information that Secretary Bryan was to lecture, was coupled with the information regarding the fee to be charged.

Again the statement is false to the effect that late comers found that the tickets had been bought up by speculators and were selling at double the fixed price. Not a single ticket was bought or sold by a "speculator" for that animal is still an unknown quantity in this law abiding community, and the writer of these lines is corroborated in this assertion by the officers of the Chautauqua Association and the gentleman who sold the tickets, being no other than the cashier of the First Bank and Trust Co., men whose veracity is above question.

Again the author of the article deviated widely from the truth when he wrote that protest was brought forth etc., necessitating an explanation on the part of Secretary Bryan. Be it understood that Mr. Bryan made no explanation regarding the management of the lectures, but did explain his own personal position in appearing upon any chautauqua platform while serving the country in the capacity of secretary of state. There was not the whisper of a protest heard in or around Hendersonville antecedent to the charging of a fee for admission to the lectures, and if such protests were made they must have been made to the ill informed writer of the article or have been the idle vaporings from the imagination of the would be critic who victimized the Saturday Evening Post into having it print such unfounded and untruthful rot.

### "Secret Room" Charged in Lobby Investigation.

Washington, Sept. 1.—The lobby investigating committee spent some time on the charges that McDermott had to do with the use of a "secret room" in the basement of the National Association of Manufacturers as headquarters for spies on congressmen.

Chief Clerk South, the house locksmith, and others were called. South testified that at McDermott's request he had six keys made to the room. McDermott denied having received them. The committee will meet again Tuesday and continue cross-examination of Martin M. Mullhall.

But Cave road did not result in very much actual manual labor, yet it did result in a valuable stimulus to our home people about keeping up roads. Hendersonville township bonds have been sold and it is said that the money is now available for the building or roads this fall. A well selected committee of our citizens will have supervision of the expenditures.

Before another summer season tourists and visitors can be assured that if they come here in their machines they can be afforded some of the best auto highways and mountain pikes to be found East of the Rocky mountains.

## AVIATOR SAILS HEAD TO GROUND

Wonderful Air Feat Accomplished by French Aviator—Inaugurates New Epoch in Aviation.

Juvisy, France, Sept. 1.—(The daring French aviator, Pegoud, who on August 20, made a parachute drop from an aeroplane from a height of 900 feet, accomplished a much more remarkable feat today which at first sight appears to have been a piece of extraordinary aerial acrobatics, but which experts declare was an epoch making experiment towards the attainment of safety in the air. Briefly, Pegoud caused his monoplane to describe a gigantic letter S in the sky during which he was flying down for about a quarter of a mile.

The strictest secrecy was maintained prior to the test and only a few persons were present when Pegoud took the air. He mounted rapidly to a height of more than 3,000 feet, describing the curve; then the forward part of the machine was observed to incline towards the earth. Through glasses the spectators saw the propeller and the monoplane further incline until it was perpendicular with the earth. It seemed as if nothing could stop the head long plunge. As the machine dropped swiftly the tail dipped again towards the earth and the pilot head appeared head downward. Seconds which seemed hours, passed. With an almost imperceptible curve the machine shifted its course to a straight line, the pilot in the same position. How long he remained upside down anxious watchers could not determine but it was long enough to cause them to believe that he would never right himself.

Presently the monoplane dipped again and with a graceful curve, assumed an erect position. Pegoud flew for a few minutes to and fro and descended by a series of beautiful spirals.

### MISS JESSIE WILSON THROWN WHILE RIDING.

Daughter of President Unconscious by Road-Side for More Than Half an Hour.

Plainfield, N. H., Aug. 28.—Miss Jessie Wilson, daughter of President Wilson, while riding near here late yesterday, was thrown from her horse and lay unconscious for more than half an hour on the roadside.

She was found there by Dr. Charles W. Worthen, of White River Junction, who applied remedies and restored her to consciousness. Later Miss Wilson was taken to a house nearby and the Cornish home of President Wilson was notified by telephone. Her injuries are not believed to be serious.

Miss Wilson's fiancé, Francis B. Sayre, with whom she had started for a ride had gone ahead and knew nothing of the accident until the riderless horse dashed past him.

The scene of the accident was on the New Hampshire side of the Connecticut river, just opposite the Vermont town of North Hartland.

Cornish, N. H., Aug. 28.—At Harlakendom, the Wilson summer home here, it was said last night that Miss Jessie Wilson had received no serious injury apparently, from the fall from her horse, though she was still suffering somewhat from contusions.

### C'PT. JAMES D. MCNEILL IS ADJUDGED GUILTY.

President of State Firemen's Association Convicted in Cumberland Court of Libeling Senator Nimocks.

Fayetteville, Aug. 28.—Capt. James D. McNeill, former mayor of Fayetteville, one-time official of the National Firemen's Association and for many years past, president of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association, was today found guilty in Superior court here for libeling State Senator Q. K. Nimocks. Sentence has not been imposed by Judge Lyon, who is presiding at this term of court.

The alleged libeling of Mr. Nimocks by Captain McNeill occurred during the Democratic primary campaign for State officers last summer. McNeill and Nimocks were opposing each other for State Senator when McNeill is alleged to have seriously reflected upon Nimocks' honesty and integrity. Nimocks was nominated and elected and McNeill was indicted by a grand jury for libel.

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC. Having decided to leave Hendersonville within the next 30 days, I will offer my stock of watches and jewelry at reduced prices. Those having watches and jewelry in repair should call for them between now and Sept. 30th. Respectfully, R. KIRKWOOD. Main St., in front of Orr's store.

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A Chicago reformer advocates the employment of policemen in plain clothes. No use—they wouldn't wear 'em!

Blinded in Civil War, Sight Just Restored.


Pittsburg, Pa., August 29.—Isaac Gates, of West Pittsburg, a veteran of the civil war and blind since he was effected by a wound at Chancellorsville, left the Eye and Ear hospital after an operation recently, possessing full sight and so happy that he has talked ever since about the wonderful things he sees.

Danils Commends Life Savers.

Washington, Sept. 1.—Bravery displayed by R. C. Hawkins, master at arms, and A. S. Alderman, hospital apprentice, both of the cruiser Pittsburg, in securing a distressed ship, rate off Guaymas, Mexico, prompted Secretary Daniels to send them letters of commendation today.

During a duflill period recently all the men of the powder division of the Pittsburg considered good swimmers were ordered to jump overboard and swim ashore. Among the number was A. Prens, a mess attendant, who suddenly failed and was going down when Hawkins and Alderman swam to his aid.

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